

THE DOTHAN EAGLE

DOOTHAN'S POPULATION: 1900, 247; 1905, 2,575; 1910, 7,215; 1915, 24,000. "FOR I HEARD THEM SAY, LET US GO TO DOTHAN."

DOOTHAN, ALABAMA, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 19, 1916

ENGLAND SITS TIGHT WAITING FOR THE FIRST BLOW OF SUBMARINES

Probable That Any of German Crows Captured By British Will Be Hanged as Pirates.—Channel Traffic Goes On.

London, Feb. 18.—England is "sitting tight" today awaiting the first blow of the German submarine fleet. Though the German proclamation making English and French waters a war zone went into effect at midnight, it was officially announced here this morning that regular steamship traffic between Folkestone, Valais, Boulogne, Diepe, Southampton, and Havre was being maintained despite the German threat to mine all harbors.

A meeting of the cabinet was held at the home of Premier Asquith early in the day, but up to noon no formal proclamation in answer to that of Germany had been issued. This led to reports that no such proclamation would be issued, but that the British government, classifying the German menace as piracy, would not recognize Germany's attack as conducted under the rules of civilized warfare.

By adopting this attitude and holding the crews of German submarines to be pirates, it was possible to hang them for murder if any are captured. An influential part of the public, led by Sir Charles Beresford, is in favor of this method of procedure.

Penalty Is Death

The rules of international law provides that the penalty for piracy upon conviction may be death. The first requirement to constitute an act of piracy pure and simple is that it must be an act of adequate violence. It need not necessarily be an act of predation. The second requirement is that the pirated vessel must be committed on the high seas, that is, outside the territorial jurisdiction of any civilized state, but a third condition must be without the authority of any recognized political community.

The third requirement must be overcome by England's refusal to recognize Germany further as entitled to consideration as a civilized nation.

The Westminster Gazette which speaks for the government today predicts a period of great naval activity in the "bread war," as the new conflict between England and Germany is now termed.

"For the next few days," it says, "we must expect a period of exceptional violence by land and sea. We shall sit through this without allowing ourselves to be scared or flustered."

"What is new in the British attitude is aimed at neutrals rather than belligerents. We are faithful with German mines and submarines, we are not inexperienced or unprepared to do our best."

"Both the allied governments will take a new offensive on land with equal firmness and equality. The Russians will be helped by the vigorous movements now reported from the west."

German Press Warns U. S.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Criticism of the attitude of the United States by the German press reached a climax today when the Koenigsche Zeitung editorially warned that country that if it ministered Germany's conduct after repeated Germany's conduct from receiving the reply on, from Berlin to Washington it would no longer be regarded as a neutral.

reply of the note from the American government:

"The German point of view cannot be explained in a more serious or conciliatory way. The note meets the American view to the utmost by advising a convoy for merchant vessels of war ships."

"On the other hand the note leaves no doubt that Germany is determined to defend herself against England's barbarian since the neutral countries are impotent or unwilling to bring pressure upon England to respect the dictates of international law."

"Whoever after this note still misinterprets the sense and nature of Germany's conduct will as far as we are concerned be out of the ranks of the neutrals."

Lettings

Fine cabbage lettuce for sale. A head. Phone 317, Mrs. M. Lewis.

Two Cows Stolen But Thief Escapes

Tied with a rope, a cow heifer being led by a woman at the time of the theft, was seen to escape this morning about 10 o'clock, and when interested parties attempted to pry into the situation, the negro turned the cow loose and ran. He was not captured.

The cow was placed in the custody of Sheriff John A. May, who later in the day learned that she had been stolen from Ed Henry, a negro, of Baptist Bottom. The mother of the heifer was also stolen, but the thief did not get very far with her. He is near Henry's house.

Turkey Has Yielded To Greece's Demands

Apology Is Made For Insult Of Forced Attack of Greek Legation.

London, Feb. 18.—Turkey has yielded to Greece's demand for satisfaction for the insult offered an attaché of the Greek legation at Constantinople.

The Constantinople dispatch for general of police it is officially announced, has visited the Greek legation and in the presence of all the members of the staff formally expressed regret at the insult. He promised further to make an official communication to that effect would be published in the press.

The incident now is regarded as closed.

ILLEGAL PAYMENTS CHARGED TO OFFICIALS

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18.—Brooks Smith, former state auditor, and John Parfitt, former state treasurer are held jointly and individually responsible for more than \$40,000 alleged to have been paid out illegally for special counsel fees during their terms of office, according to a report filed with Governor Hendon by J. T. Gorman at J. W. P. Wilkerson examiners of public accounts. Under an opinion of W. L. Martin, attorney general, it was ruled that the power of former Governor O'Neal to pay special counsel fees in an official and therefore, the officials paying out these sums were responsible. A test case was made of the matter in the case of State vs. Troy, which was won by the

JUDGE W. H. SIMPSON DIES IN DECATUR

Was One the Best Known Men in the State. Death Caused by Paralysis.

Decatur, Ala., Feb. 18.—Judge W. H. Simpson, aged 59 years, chancellor of this chancery district and one of the best known men in the state, died early today at his home in New Decatur.

Death was due to a stroke of paralysis. He had been in feeble health for some years, but able to attend to business.

He was born and reared in this county and was graduated at the state university some years ago.

SHIP BILL DEAD; NO EXTRA SESSION

Measure Will Be Put in Conference Until February 27, and Senate Will Work on Supply Bills

Washington, Feb. 18.—Democratic and republican senators agreed today to send the government ship bill as it passed the house to conference until February 27, and to take up the intervening time passing appropriation bills.

Republicans announced they would resume their filibuster against the ship measure when it again was taken up until adjournment of congress.

Administration democrats practically agreed to let the republicans talk that ship bill to death when they agreed today to put it in conference until February 27 and pass appropriation bills meanwhile. The republicans intend to continue their successful filibuster thereafter.

The plan means there will be no extra session of congress and it generally was agreed it must be the end of President Wilson's ship bill in this congress.

As part of the agreement democrats agreed to prime the river and harbor bill in accordance with objection of republicans.

BEGAN AS NEWSBOYS AND WON TO JOCKEYS

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A hundred and fifty Chicagoans who have risen to society, professional and financial distinction turned the clock back from twenty to fifty years today and sold newspapers again as they used to when boys.

It was "Old Newsboys' day." Funds received from the sale of papers will be devoted to the relief of the unemployed through the agency of the municipal industrial commission.

Scores of the old-time "newsies" offered unique attractions at their street corner stands to increase sales. Some of them dressed as they did years ago, others employed bands and singers and one had a trained bear as an attraction.

Receipts promised to be large as it was agreed no change would be returned to customers.

Little Experts of Wheat.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A publicity campaign to limit exportation of wheat, rye and flour was begun today by the National Association of Wheat Growers. It called for thousands of circulars.

BOY ESCAPES FROM GRASP OF BEAR

Bessemer, Ala., Feb. 18.—A bear owned by the Blue Ribbon Shoe shop on Nineteenth street scattered the crowd Wednesday afternoon when he became enraged at the proddings of a negro boy and made a dash, grabbing the boy, who jerked away and went down the alley at a running flat gallop. The animal had been taken out of his cage while it was being cleaned, and then jerked loose. The crowd watching the bear did not stop to see whether he would eat the negro boy or not, but all went around the corner on business.

FRANK JAMES KILLED BY APOPLEXY STROKE

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 18.—Frank James of the notorious James gang died on his farm near here today. James, who was 74 years old had been in ill health several months and was stricken with apoplexy early today.

One of the last members of the robber band whose unparalleled career of crime during the civil war and the unsettled period that followed kept the people of a dozen states in terror, Frank James had been living the life of a quiet farmer for more than thirty years.

The son of a minister respected throughout the community, Frank James joined Quantrell's guerrillas in the civil war together with his brother Jesse and took part in the sacking of Lawrence, Kan.

When the war ended they were hunted far and wide by relatives of those who had met death at their hands. Driven here and there they soon became outlaws. Many notorious crimes of the decade following the war have been laid at the door of the James and Younger gang of which the surviving members were Frank James and Cole Younger, the latter of whom is now living at Lee's Summit, Mo.

Detectives surrounded the James home near Kearney, Mo., on January 25, 1875, and threw a lighted bomb into the house, thinking to kill the James brothers. It exploded, tearing the arm off their mother and killing their brother, Archa.

In 1882, after Jesse James had been shot in his home in St. Joseph, Mo., by Bob Ford, also a handout for a reward of \$20,000, Frank James surrendered in Jefferson City, Mo. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary but after a few years he developed symptoms of tuberculosis and was pardoned by the governor.

F. M. MURPHY, Auditor and Public Accountant. Phone 552. Service prompt thorough, satisfactory. Ask your neighbor.

PALACE TODAY STEAM HEATED

Sixth episode in two acts of the "EXPLOITS OF ELAIN" "The Vampire."

Kennedy offers "Chick" Evans the champion golf player, in two interesting reels.

Kalon comedy "THE RATHERED DUCK."

LIQUOR ADS ARE BEING RE-MOVED

Other Advertising Matter Is Being Substituted on Bessemer Bill Boards.

Bessemer, Ala., Feb. 18.—Bill posters have removed all advertisements of whiskey and beer from billboards in Bessemer, the space being taken up by other advertising matter. The work was done on account of the recent act passed by the legislature.

Negro Fined For Striking His Wife

The police record does not show that Joe Johnson's son, Jack Johnson, but despite lack of such relationship, Joe is named with the mittens when it comes to striking his wife. Matters not specially what side of the cheek, but snite her he did and Joe admitted as much when arraigned before Acting Mayor Worthington today. Joe was fined \$50, that he was not paid, and struck her very lightly.

The acting mayor being satisfied that affection did not prompt the blow, leaned to the opinion that Joe was angry when he struck his spouse, and desert of the lack ought to be worth \$10 or \$20 days. Joe said he had been doing his best to make his wife quit quarreling but that such efforts were useless.

NEW YORK HOTELS TO GIVE LUNCHEONS TO UNEMPLOYED

New York, Feb. 18.—New York hotels and restaurants have agreed to contribute food for daily lunches for thousands of unemployed. President McAneny, of the board of aldermen announced today after a conference with hotel men. The first contributions will be made tomorrow. The plan is to have food brought to municipal workshops, where lunches will be given to men and women who go there for employment and also to distribute the food to their families.

GEORGIA COTTON BOUND FOR RUSSIAN INTERIOR

Savannah, Feb. 18.—5,000 bales of Georgia cotton which is to be transported to the interior of Russia on sleds, were sent out of Savannah today on the Swedish steamship Kinn Dahl. The cargo is to be taken on the steamer to Tromsjoen, Norway, and is to be carried 80 miles inland on a small railroad and is to go an equal distance on pony drawn sleds to the mills.

The cargo was furnished by cotton exporters of Memphis and Augusta. The cargo, it is expected, will create a new high freight rate record.

Judge—You say you are on this man because did not blow his horn before ran into you.

Plaintiff—I didn't say he didn't blow his horn. I said that I couldn't hear it. His blame! I did not rattle too much.—Corbett Wilson.

For Rent—4 room cottages close in, with water, electricity and gas. Good family wanted. See J. A. Stephens at his restaurant.

GERMAN CRUISER SINKS ENGLISH MERCHANT VESSEL

HOUSE PASSES BILL ABOLISHING OATES' POSITION

Senate However, Will Not Take Matter of Prison Inspector Until July.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 65 to 29 the House at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon passed the bill of Representative Justice, of Elmore, abolishing the office of State Prison Inspector, now held by Dr. William H. Oates.

As the bill originated in the House, it cannot be passed by the Senate until after the recess. It was called up soon after the House met this morning, after all finished bills had been disposed of.

J. A. Stephens keeps cooked fish row at his restaurant every day.

SUMMARY OF WAR STATUS

LONG RANGE GUNS ASKED BY GARRISON

Secretary Wants Guns for Coast Defense More Powerful Than Any That Could Be Arrayed Against Them.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Guns of greater range and power than any that could be arrayed against them were asked for American coast defenses in an army board report submitted by Secretary Garrison and made public today by the house appropriations committee. The board advised that the old type twelve inch guns and mortars were not equal in range and power to major caliber guns abroad.

Mr. Garrison recommended the immediate improvement of some of the coast defenses so that the range of the old twelve inch guns could be increased to 20,000 yards and the board suggested that wherever it was necessary to construct new works the larger guns should be 16-inch weapons.

Charters Special Train.

Waterloo, Ga., Feb. 18.—In order that he might remain in Thomsville most of the morning and at the same time make direct connections at Jessup for Philadelphia, E. E. Hutchins, of that place, chartered a special over the Atlantic Coast Line railroad today, at an expense of \$400.

PRIME ROAST MEAT.

A name to look for. Something worth while to find in a market. It is one thing to order good meat, and quite another to get it when you order it. We select your meat business with the distinct understanding that we will give you what you order, when you order it.

Central Market. Mrs. J. A. Stephens, Prop. Phone 554.

Crown Prince Wilhelm's ship on New Spitting Road.

Buenos Ayres, Argentine, public, Feb. 18.—The German steamer Helger, which was here, brings news that the January and February the German auxiliary cruiser Ozean, Prince Wilhelm, operating on the northern coast of Brazil, sank the British steamer Hampshire, British steamer Potara, the sailing ship Sumatra and the sailing vessel Wilfred. The crews of the vessels were on board the Helger.

On the Helger there also were 51 passengers and 50 crew members of the British steamer Hampshire, 7,000 tons, belonging to the Nelson Steam Navigation Company, of London, which left London January 3 for Buenos Ayres and was sunk in the Atlantic by a German warship.

The crews of the other vessels named as such apparently all were saved, for the Helger has on board 27 men from the Hampshire, 47 from the Potara, 30 from the Sumatra and seven from the Wilfred.

Germany has refused to alter her position in continuing the war more drastic, although promising the most friendly disposition towards this country. The German reply, a summary of which was called from Berlin, says Germany cannot change her position, in view of the shortage of food to cut off the supply of raw materials, and recommends in justification that the United States send vessels to convey American goods to the danger zone.

The German decree went into effect at midnight, but there have been few changes in sailing dates and from English ports.

Emperor Wilhelm has telegraphed the president of the Province of East Prussia that Russians have been completely defeated and driven back to the Province.

An official communication from Vienna says the Russians have defeated in Galicia. A Russian report, however, says there is no change in the situation of Russian troops in Northern Poland, and says the Russians have won a victory in several engagements in Galicia.

Turkey has yielded to and offered satisfaction to the Greek claims at Constantinople.

30 Chinese Released.

New York, Feb. 18.—Two Chinese, who were on the British steamer Ozean after being captured by the man cruiser Hampshire, were released at New York. The Chinese were released at New York, the Chinese were released at New York.